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SPECIAL SANITARIUM NUMBER.

Rousing Mass Meeting Addresses by Dr. Mayfield and Major Waddill. . . Other Matters of Importance. . . Great Enthusiasm Exhibited by Citizens of Deming.

Addresses of Hon. James R. Waddill of St. Louis, president of the Association and Dr. W. H. Mayfield, third Vice President and chief surgeon. The opera house was crowded. Dr. Mayfield spoke first and was enthusiastically greeted by the audience. He spoke in part as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen, I am delighted to meet you and to receive this warm reception. This is my first visit to your little city and I have known for some time the general condition of your climate and its adaptation for the relief, treatment and cure of tuberculosis.

Many great institutions of learning, benevolence and charity have been organized, endowed and brought to triumphant success by such philanthropists as Cooper, Peabody, Carnegie and a score of others and the world has been made better and happier thereby but these institutions while they have accomplished great good to many are narrowed in their scope and power for good and it has been left to the National Colony and Sanitarium for Consumptives to originate and lay before the world the system for the successful treatment of this disease which has no parallel in history the noblest and most far reaching of any institution of this character on the globe. The names of the charter members are a sufficient guarantee that every dollar contributed will be honestly applied to the carrying out of the plans of the association. There were originally only 65 charter members but they represent all the honorable professions, all important fraternal associations, all religious denominations, catholic and protestant, jew and gentile, business men, railroad officials, lawyers, statesmen and manufacturers, physicians and others. These eminent gentlemen have given their names and influence and extended a helping hand with no hope of reward except that comfort and happiness that comes from the knowledge that we have done something to relieve the suffering and distress of our fellowmen. This is our compensation for the time spent and aid furnished, and this is enough and all we expect. My friends we are all in the same boat. We are fighting a great battle, we want generals to lead and soldiers to help win the victory. There is a great army of deadly enemies arrayed against us and over one million of God's children are suffering and dying, struck down and mangled by this merciless foe, destroying more lives and bringing more distress on the human family than all of the invading armies in the world. We must build the breast works and entrench our selves against the antagonist. We must show to the world that we have enlisted for the war and under the providence of God for the love of humanity we will gird on our armor and in courage and faith march on to victory. The great God of nature has furnished us weapons to meet this enemy of man. He has set apart a home and a fortress in this land of life and sunshine where this remorseless enemy cannot enter and live. The great scientists and physicians of the world, through God's help have shown us the way and it is left us to apply the remedy. The good people of our country are thoroughly aroused and are ready and anxious to give their aid to push forward this great movement and they want to know that we are in earnest and capable of carrying out the magnificent plans which we have presented. There are many plans to raise funds for this benevolent and humane purposes and it is just to you to state some of the resources which we have of securing the immense amount of money necessary to carry out the gigantic plans contemplated by this association.

First there are over one hundred thousand fraternal orders in this country, the corner stones of which are brotherly love, friendship, charity and benevolence, prominent men occupying high positions in nearly all these organizations, men who are thoroughly identified with and earnestly interested in its success. The intention is to ask each of these organizations to contribute one dollar per month each, the amount is insignificant to each lodge but the aggregate amount is very large. This money will be used for the benefit of these various societies and any one sent by these lodges will have the best care and treatment that this association can provide. A block of ground will be set aside to any lodge or society, or all of them who wish to erect a memorial or other buildings for the benefits of their brethren: the only condition being that they conform to the rules and regulations of the association.

The grounds will also be donated to any church of any denomination, any benevolent association any philanthropic individual who desires to erect and maintain a memorial building or buildings. The association will erect as soon as practicable a commodious administration building as head quarters for the managers nurses and doctors where those who desire to have what they want and are able to pay for it in the most comfortable manner. The next important improvement will be to lay off a large plot of ground with a plaza or square in the center, this square will be surrounded by fifty or more neat artistic cottages with nice sidewalks beautified by shade trees, lawns and flowers and last but not least Deming's pure crystal waters raised and flowing through it to give additional life and beauty to the whole. The occupants of these cottages would be required to pay a reasonable rent and can live at home, but they will have the care of the sanitarium physicians and nurses. From this plot of ground broad avenues will be laid out and trees planted and watered and a cheaper class of less expensive cottages will be built and furnished to occupants of less means at nominal rent, in fact just enough to keep up repairs and insurance. Still another class of cottages will be built and given rent free for those who are entirely unable to pay. Then it is the purpose of the association to provide hundreds and if necessary thousands of tents in order to accommodate those especially requiring outdoor and open air quarters. It is also a part of the plan of the association to lay off small plots of ground embracing from 1-2 to 5 acre blocks and to give free use of these blocks for gardens, orchards vineyards etc, in order that all who are able may become as nearly as possible self sustaining, there will be no rentals charged for these grounds, but the occupants like all others must conform to the rules of the association. This much for our present plans.

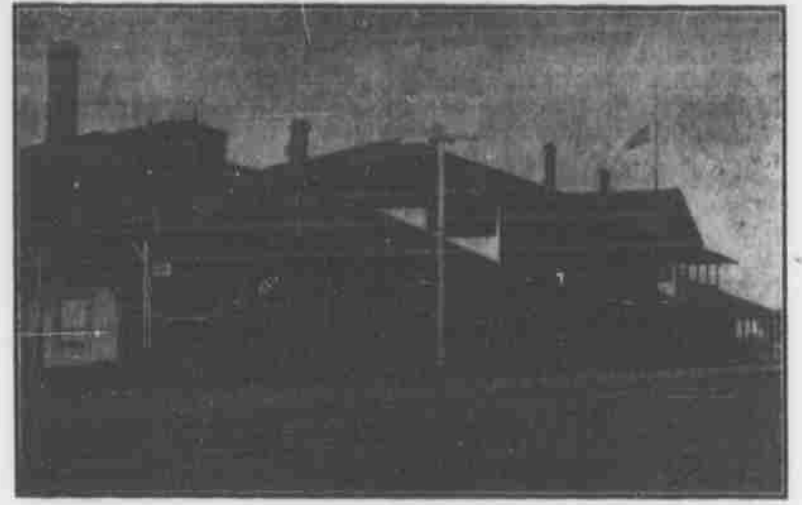
Now ladies and gentlemen of Deming, we wish to state most emphatically that we have pitched our tents with you and tell frankly that we came here because the conditions were favorable for our association and for the relief and cure of tuberculosis and not for any financial consideration. In our search for the best place to locate we have found many places where favorable conditions existed but you have in addition with these conditions, pure water and ample railroad facilities and these two last items decided us in fixing a permanent location here. Our analysis show a consumptive bacillus cannot live here—you might gather up a half bushel of this germs and dump them in your streets and they will be dead before night and blown away. You complain of the little winds and sand storms you have here, but I accept the situation wind and all, and I tell you that the wind is one of the essential elements without which we would not want your location.

Now as to the benefits to your little city, county and territory, from this

work I will say that the results cannot be computed at this time. In my judgement you will see train loads of health seekers at no distant day arriving here daily from all sections of the Union, coming in comfortable cars, in charge of and under care of competent physicians and trained nurses, bringing them safely to this land of health and sunshine. Some of these people will bring money which they will invest here at once and many of them will be cured and have to remain here because they cannot live elsewhere and they will invest their money and build up your city and county. They will erect factories, foundries, and start other enterprises for the improvement of your country. It was the health seekers that made the arid regions of California to bloom like a rose and they will do the same for New Mexico, and more. I am not trying to present to you a glowing future, because you might misconstrue my meaning, but if we succeed in our plans, I believe you may confidently expect and look forward to a city of from twenty to fifty thousand people at no distant day.

The beautiful tract of land donated to us by Col. P. R. Smith and associates, is well adapted to our purpose and is all we can expect, other than the memberships and moral support of your people. However, I can assure you that it would be greatly appreciated and a handsome thing for your citizens to do, if they should raise a small fund to make the first improvements as a memorial to Deming. To be called the Deming home. This would only require a good well, a gasoline engine and a small neat cottage, say of ten or twelve rooms. This with the liberal provisions made by Mrs. Clark, would enable the Association to take care of a small number of important cases pending, the construction of large and commodious buildings. In this connection, I wish to explain, that our Charter absolutely prohibits any indebtedness or to allow any contracts made for improvements or otherwise, until the full amount necessary for their completion is in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, hence before we can practically apply any funds of the association for any purpose except actual expenses, we must have the full amount in hand. Then our recommendations and suggestions for buildings must go before the Board of managers and then, before any important start can be made the plans must be drawn by the Association's Architect and be approved by the Board of Managers. All this requires time and it is entirely possible that it may be September or October before we can commence substantial construction of any important improvements. In the meantime your individual efforts to provide shelter for parties whom it is expedient to send here soon as possible will be greatly appreciated and will be an immense help to us in getting early action and quick results in a financial point of view. We do not wish to be misunderstood as to what you do or do not do. The location is permanently fixed and the matter is settled beyond recall. We have accepted your lands and will improve them on the plans already laid out.

We especially desire a large membership in your little City and county and we invite them and all other cities of the territory to join us as members. The membership only costs one dollar and this entitles the owner to correspond with any officer of the association to ask and receive any information which he may desire upon the subject. It further entitles him or any friends of him or of her to a free examination by any physician belonging to the association in any place in the United States, wherever one of our physicians are located, and he will be correctly advised whether it is desirable for the patient to go or whether his case is so far gone to justify the effort. Placing the membership fee at the low sum of one dollar does not prohibit any one from paying any more if he is able and desirous to do so. Some pay from five to one hundred dollars and are more able to do so than others who pay one. It is expected by the association that within one year from this date, that they will have at least one million, one dollar subscribers. This added to the other



Union Depot Deming.

The place where passengers coming to the Sanitarium leave the trains. Here they can sit in the pleasant waiting, rooms and rest from their journey, and will be met by members of the Sanitarium committees, who will carefully supply all their wants. From here easy carriages will take them a pleasant ride over our smooth streets and through the beautiful residence portion of the town to the Sanitarium 1½ miles distant. Once landed at the Colony they will find airy sunshiny quarters provided with every comfort and the best of nurses and doctors always at their call. An ideal place for rest and recovery, entirely free from worry or annoyance of any kind.

reasonable resource which the association will develop should give us ample funds to carry out our plans and do for suffering humanity some thing upon the scale far exceeding anything of this kind the world has ever seen.

Major Waddill's Speech.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am pleased to have the privilege of meeting so many of the citizens of this beautiful land of bright skies and pure air. I am glad to look into your faces this evening and briefly present the scope and purpose of the National Colony and Sanitarium for Consumptives. I am not a physician and don't assume to be able to discuss sanitarium work in detail as an expert; but I do know that thousands and scores of thousands of men and women—our countrymen are being annually borne to the grave by the mighty on-sweep of tuberculosis or consumption, which I believe to be the most terrible and fatal malady that humanity has been cursed with since the world's first morning, or since time has had a record; so great indeed have been the ravages of this awful scourge that a cry is going up all over the world for help and relief; and men and women of brain and loving hearts are giving their best thought and most earnest activities to the finding of relief and help to those stricken by this disease.

This cry of the helpless and the stricken is the inspiration of this Sanitarium movement we are presenting to you this evening. Its scope embrace all those who suffer from this disease. It knows no creed nor race nor nationality, Jew nor Gentile, catholic nor protestant, all are embraced in the purpose of this movement; Nor is there any pecuniary reward to any one engaged in the movement nor any Official of the Association. It is a work of pure benevolence backed by simple love of humanity and, we trust, will be blessed and honored of God.

I believe that climate, pure air, pure water and plenty of sunshine can alone be depended upon to cure consumption. Medicines will not cure it. Sanitariums in bad climates will not cure it. It seems to me rational to say that God in His infinite love and marvelous economy has made a place in this sunny land of southwestern New Mexico where His suffering children may rest and be healed of this dreadful disease. Here is found more than three hundred cloudless days in each year. Here is an atmosphere so pure that it will cure raw meat, and dead animals seldom decay but dry up without stench. Here is the delightful altitude from thirty five hundred to five thousand feet with bracing rarified air. Here is the glorious sunshine with the wonderful tonic that all medicine cannot produce.

Years ago, I was sent out to this land with a stricken loved one. My very soul was alive with interest and anxiety and I was on the quiver-on the constant alert to discover the effect of this climate on lung and throat troubles. I made myself an animated interrogation point, I talked with every one who would talk with me and in the sixteen months which I spent out here, I met men from all parts of the country; some I found had come before the days of the railroads and had been hauled on feather beds across the plains by wagon. They had left their far-away homes with their Doctor telling them that they would never reach their destination; but I found them strong rugged men following their avocations in life with energy and in the fullness of glorious health. Many instances of this kind I found. Again I talked with men who had come later after the day of railroads and who were

so far gone that they had to be carried on stretchers from the cars to the hotels and they, too, were strong and apparently well men and this was after six, eight and ten years in this climate. After I had looked into this matter, talked with all these people and had seen the marvel the climate had wrought in the case of my own dear one, my heart was filled with the wonders of God's providence, the marvels of His grand economy and care for the stricken children of men, and the deep gratitude in my soul-unbidden poured itself out to the Giver of all good. My investigation and observation and experience in this climate convinced me that neither in all America nor in any other land of which I have read or heard did there exist a district of country so healthful and sure in good results to consumptives as this Southwestern district of New Mexico. I am convinced that tuberculosis or consumptive germ simply cannot live in this pure atmosphere. I believe that any one coming here in time may be absolutely cured; and those coming after too long delay, at least sixty per cent will find that this climate will arrest the disease and absolutely stop its ravages so that by remaining here they will perhaps live as long as they would in their own homes had they never had the disease. These are the views I arrived at after sixteen months of study as a layman of the effects of this climate upon pulmonary and throat diseases.

The prime thing to accomplish in this sanitarium movement is to excite and enlist the sympathies and enthusiastic interest of the people. All will concede the merit of the movement. All will acknowledge the need of relief and to save the thousands of our fellow men afflicted with tuberculosis. But we become so absorbed in our individual affairs, the press and the demand of our business is so great, that we grow into indifference to other peoples affairs and leave for others the very highest duty of humanity devolving upon our selves. No man can rightly shirk the responsibility upon him to help alleviate the condition and lift the burden off the suffering and afflicted. We all owe this duty and we must not forget the brotherhood of man if we would claim the Fatherhood of God.

Far above the pursuits of this life, its business, the gain of fortune, the acquisition of wealth rises a grander and sublimer and holier thing, which is our duty to our neighbor, to help to lend a hand to the fainting, to lift up the fallen, to give inspiration and hope to the discouraged. How can any one do a greater thing than to be actively helpful and useful in placing within the reach of stricken and dying men and women the means of sure cure and restoration to health? How strongly this should appeal to every manly and womanly instinct and to every one who loves his kind? The purpose, the sole purpose, of this institution I am seeking to present for your consideration. His evening is to do this very thing namely, to put in the reach of all the afflicted men and women of other climates the curative benefits of this climate; to establish a great Sanitarium with thousands of acres of land where all kinds and classes of suffering people may find shelter and attention, nursing and care and the glorious life giving tonic of this climate; where in fact they may be healed of their dread malady. And it is proposed to place this within the reach of the poorest. The rich will pay and pay well, and with what they pay and the funds received through other sources, the poor will receive cure and healing without money and without price.